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**SAFETY AND HEALTH SERVICE REPORT**

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Kr. Herb Finch, Manager  
Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation  
7200 Walker Street  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55426

November 21, 1968

**CONCERNING** 7200 Walker Street  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

**SERVICE BY** V. L. Bushfeldt, safety consultant,  
on November 12, 1968

**PERSONS CONTACTED** Herb Finch, manager  
Paul White, superintendent  
Wards Barton, superintendent

## **REPORT SUMMARY**

"Mr. White and I reviewed the accidents that have occurred in recent months. The worst involved Mr. Paul Foeller, who was caught between an engine and a load of logs. Mr. McVea suffered a sprained ankle. Mr. Scott Cawley suffered a bruised foot when a timber rolled onto it. Mr. Cheaswick strained his back. Mr. Foeller sprained his ankle.

"A meeting of the plant safety committee was held today. After attending a meeting of the committee, I accompanied them on an inspection tour of the premises and operations. Among the items noted on the safety survey were the following:

1. Excess material and waste material were noted in several locations. Progress is being made in hauling this away.
  2. One walkway through a low spot is makeshift and uneven. This will be removed or replaced, Mr. Barton indicated.
  3. In the yard, one pile of ties had shifted due to improper piling methods. Mr. Barton said he will have the foreman instruct men in the area in proper piling methods to avoid this situation in the future.
  4. We noted one broken step in the adzir and boring mill. Mr. Barton agreed to have it fixed.

The confirmation of service concerns only such conditions and practices as were observed and considered at the time of this call. It is not intended to indicate that all other hazards are adequately controlled.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this report, write to C. H. Elsby, Vice-President, Safety & Health Services.

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5. High water inundates the electrical switchhouse fire station. The electrical equipment should be raised above the high water level. It would be advisable to put a concrete floor in this building.
6. There are a number of holes and uneven spots in the ground around the refinery. Mr. White said that he will have these filled in and evened off to the extent that manpower is available for this work.
7. Concrete spalls are falling from the ceiling of the refinery, I was informed. It would be advisable for some competent person to check the building for strength. Mr. White said he would do this.
8. The catwalk on storage tanks 11 to 16 should be made wider. Mr. White said he will have this done.

"Mr. White requested that I accompany the safety committee on their safety survey of the premises and operations so that I might help them in pointing out items to watch for. Periodic safety surveys by the plant safety committee are to be conducted on a regular basis, Mr. White indicated. The committee has our 'Safety Inspector's Report' form which they may use if desired. In talking to the committee, I urged them to be alert for unsafe practices, as well as for unsafe conditions.

"When hiring, applications are used. References are checked on some individuals, and in some cases pre-employment physical examinations are given. It would be advisable to register Mr. Hermanson and Mr. Steck for their heart conditions.

"We discussed the method of handling long poles. Three come in by rail, not truck, and are unloaded individually by crane. No difficulty has been experienced here in handling poles and piling.

"We discussed the possible use of hard hats by all yardmen. Management here is considering making this mandatory.

"First-aid supplies are on hand."

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